

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3 are pending in the present application.

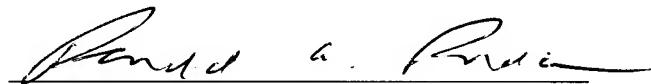
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishikawa et al (US 2002/0114289) in view of Lu et al (U.S. Patent No. 7,106,708).

Filed herewith, is an accurate translation of Japanese Priority Document JP 2003-008754. The filing date of this priority document was January 16, 2003, which is prior to the February 19, 2003, 102(e) date of Lu et al. As the priority document provides support for the presently pending claims, it is respectfully submitted that the filing of the translation of the Japanese priority document hereby perfects priority. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that Lu et al is not prior art with regard to the presently claimed invention.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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